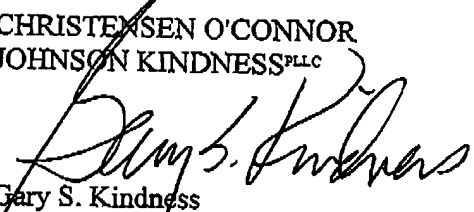


## REMARKS

This amendment is directed to correcting an inadvertent error in Claim 1 of the amendment filed July 10, 2003, in this application. Applicants respectfully request that this amendment be entered prior to further action in this application.

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